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Above: David Mitchell & Lawrie McKinna in an Indonesian jewellrey store. Will the gold be coming United's way in May?

EDITORIAL

THE CULMINATION OF ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

Sydney United are on the threshold of becoming the Minor Premiers and Ericsson Cup Champions for the first time ever. The team came close to achieving this feat in 1988 and 1996/97 however, the team capitulated at the last day of the season.

This time it will hopefully be different. United have the advantage that the team is really an underdog. Everyone expects South Melbourne or Perth to win the title. That just sits fine with everyone at Sydney United.

All season the team has been written off and yet they have been second or third for a staggering 14 weeks of the 27 rounds played at the time of writing.

Before the season started Joel Griffiths had never played first grade and yet up to the time that he was chosen to play for the Young Socceroos he had played in every single match for United.

Mile Sterjovski last season played in over ten matches, yet cold only manage two goals. This season Mile has really found his feet as a striker and is scoring regularly (14 goals up to the time he was called for National League duty).

Other new performers this season have included Michael Santalab whose deftly crosses have created many chances Santa has been a regular first grader and has won the trainee of the year this season out of all young sportsmen (showing that he has the brains both on and off the pitch).

Steve Berry and Danny Townsend have repaid the faith shown in them by Mitch and Lawrie this season. Both previously having great State League careers. They have transcended that form into the National League with great gusto.

Danny's blistering speed and Berry's fighting attitude always make the both of them dangerous.

The list goes on. Andrew Crews excelled up until he was injured. Walter Ardone and Jacob Burns have relished in their roles and really built up their reputations.

The defence in Joe Vrkic, Richard Plesa, Velimir Kupresak, David Barrett and Peter Bennett have been rock solid and are dangerous when they venture forward.

There are of course others who have contributed to a marvellous season, however, due to injuries and whatever else the players mentioned above have been the main stays of the team.

Again, no one can give as much praise as possible to the three men who bring it all together on match days, David Mitchell, Lawrie McKinna and Ray Gerrie. It is a testament to these gentlemen that David Mitchell is being looked at as the next Socceroo coach and other clubs are readily chasing his signature.

Behind the scenes it has been a topsy turvy year, however the efforts of the Board of Directors, the Ladies Committee, the Finance Committee, Ferrier Hodgson, the Office and everyone else have contributed to a fantastic season.

And of course special thanks to the fans and the members of Sydney United. It has been great being back at home at Edensor Park this season. Money time is now.

PUMAS MUST STAND UP NOW

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Money time is now! All of the hard work done throughout the season can unfold at this time of the competition..

One missed chance, one loose ball, one lapse in concentration could mean the difference between a championship and a runner up.

Through all of the hard work that the Sydney United team has put in this season, it is now the time to cash in. Anything less than championship glory would be an injustice to this Sydney United team of 1998/99.

A team that has continually confounded the critics, a team that has played with a huge heart and enormous team spirit, a team that continued on winning despite the club being in financial adversity and a team that has unearthed more talented players.

In the final month of the Ericsson Cup league before the finals take over, United's task is simple. Win the remaining three matches and win the minor premiership.

However, the opposition will be doing their best to halt United's charge.

United's opposition includes South Melbourne (home), Gippsland (away) and the Adelaide Sharks (home).

An extremely tough assignment, yet not beyond the Sydney United team. The South Melbourne clash will prove to be a battle of the two best teams in the competition.

Its a fine line between pleasure & pain Burns.

Earlier this season in Melbourne, South Melbourne ended up 0-1 winners. However, United had two players dismissed and for the most part United were the most dangerous side.

The history between the two teams shows that United have won 13, South Melbourne nine and there have been four draws. In Sydney, United have seven wins, Souths three wins and two draws.

Hopefully the team will be doing a lot more celebrating between now and Grand Final day.

SYDNEY UNITED PUMAS V. SOUTHS & SHARKS

United have not lost to South Melbourne in Sydney since the 1992/93 season when Souths won 2-5.

This match could determine the Minor Premier as South Melbourne has a crucial bye in the last round of the competition. This is vital as it means that South Melbourne will not be playing for two weeks before they play their first finals match.

The following week, Gippsland host United. Going to Gippsland is unsettling as it is a long trip. Once United gets there, they are welcomed by a cold hard pitch and a tough as nails Gippsland team. United thrashed Gippsland 4-0 earlier in the season, hopefully that form can be repeated.

The last match of the league season sees the cash strapped Adelaide Sharks on show at Edensor Park. Being cash strapped is the only thing that United and the Sharks have in common as they are on opposite ends of the table.

United have not lost to the Sharks in seven previous matches. Overall United have won nine, the Sharks six and there have been two draws. In Sydney the records show four wins each and one draw.

The ball is in Sydney United's court. Lost points earlier in the season can be reminisced but the fact is the team is there with a realistic chance of glory.

Will this be the season of that elusive championship victory?

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COACH'S CORNER: DAVID MITCHELL

Sydney United will not be resting on our laurels. Despite this being a very accomplished season, there is more hard work to be done.

Again, there are obstacles to remove however so far we have excelled in that department.

It was very pleasing last month to walk away from Wollongong with a 1-0 victory. The match was by no means a classic from a spectator's point of view however it proved to everyone that the despite the heavy loss of Mile Sterjovski and Joel Griffiths, we will still be able to score goals and win games.

This was proven even further when on the following weekend we were able to overcome a very hard Brisbane outfit 4-3 without Nathan Day.

Nathan was the goal scorer against Wollongong and was suspended for the Brisbane match and yet we managed to score four goals and run out 4-3 winners.

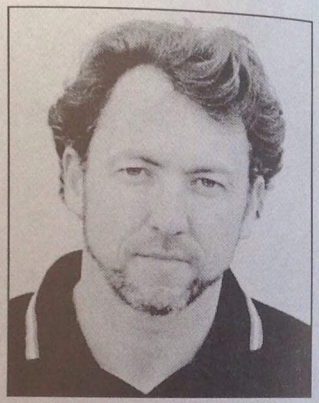
Brisbane threw everything at us as it was their last chance to make the top six.

These next three matches in the month of April as we move to the climax of the regular season, are deceptive.

The South Melbourne clash is an interesting one if we win we are within reach of the minor premiership.

Whilst Gippsland and the Sharks are perceived as an easy six points, that is by no means the case.

With injuries and suspensions creeping further and further into our squad, we are fortunate enough to have a strong bench.



David Mitchell thriving in the challenge.

I can rely on any one of this squad to do the job required on any given day.

It really is exciting times for the club.

I would like to congratulate David Barret on reaching 300 NSL games and Joel and Mile for their great work in Nigeria.

I hope that the Sydney United fans can show their true colours at the end of the season and really spur us on in our quest for the Ericsson Cup.

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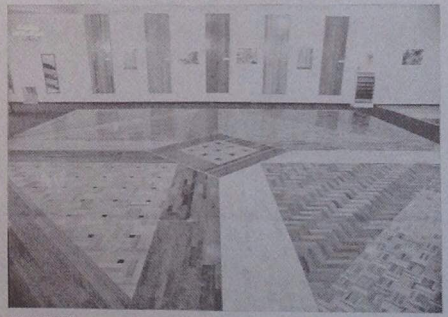

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1998/99 AVERAGE CROWDS

ADELAIDE CITY	4,617
ADEL SHARKS	2,740
BRISBANE	4,700
CANBERRA	3,321
CARLTON SC	3,578
GIPPSLAND	2,186
MARCONI	4,753
MELB KNIGHTS	3,499
NEWCASTLE	3,855
SPIRIT	14,585
PERTH GLORY	14,666
SOUTH MELB	8,289
UTS OLYMPIC	5,338
SYDNEY UTD	4,237
WOLLONGONG	3,651

98/99 APPEARANCES

PLAYER	STR	SUB	YEL	RED	INJ	GOL
ROBERT ANGIEVSKI	0	0	0	0	0	0
WALTER ARDONE	21	0	4	0	0	4
DAVID BARRETT	21	0	3	0	3	2
PETER BENNETT	22	0	6	1	0	1
STEVE BERRY	17	5	0	0	1	2
JACOB BURNS	19	0	4	2	0	2
JOE CALETA	3	12	0	0	0	1
ANDREW CREWS	17	0	0	0	8	0
NATHAN DAY	4	8	4	0	10	4
STEVE EAGLETON	2	1	1	0	19	1
MIKE GIBSON	7	0	0	0	0	0
JOEL GRIFFITHS	17	5	2	0	0	8
VELIMIR KUPRESAK	21	0	0	1	2	0
DREW LAURENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOM MARIC	0	0	0	0	8	0
DAVID MITCHELL	5	7	1	0	11	1
JOE MORIC	0	1	0	0	0	0
RICHARD PLESA	23	0	5	0	0	1
ABBAS SAAD	0	1	0	0	22	0
MICHAEL SANTALAB	16	2	1	0	0	2
BARNEY SMITH	0	0	0	0	0	0
MILE STERJOVSKI	20	0	0	0	1	14
DANNY TOWNSEND	5	14	0	0	0	1
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JOE VRKIC	20	1	4	0	2	1

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ROUNDS 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27

Round 23 action, the Spirit laid claims to a top six spot with a goal by Zane which inflicted the defeat on Adelaide City in front of 15,104 at North Sydney.

Brisbane overcame Wollongong 1-0 as well, Gippsland upset Sydney Olympic 1-0 in Gippsland, Marconi won 3-2 away to the Sharks and Canberra defeated the out of form Carlton 2-0.

Sydney United overcame a very resillient Melbourne Knights side 2-1. The Knights lead early then they hit the post twice before Joel Griffiths struck in the 34th and 40th minutes.

It was Griffiths and Mile Sterjovski's last match for United before heading overseas for the World Youth Championships. Their combinations for the two goals showed just how much United will miss them and how Australia will gain.

In Round 24, Marconi lost at home to a marvellous goal By Haythornthwaite for Newcastle.

Sydney Olympic 1-0 over the Sharks, Perth 1-0 in an ugly match over Gippsland. Perth had two players sent off and Gippsland had one.

Adelaide City 3 defeated the Strikers 0. Carlton 0 lost to South Melbourne 3. The Knights overcame Canberra 3-0.

Sydney United played with a lone striker for the first time this season with Jacob Burns sitting just behind Nathan Day and the ploy worked effectively.

Whilst some dangerous raids were made by Wollongong, keeper Mike Gibson was brilliant as was the defence. The second time that a Jacob Burns shot had hit the post, it fell into the path of Day and 1-0 it ended. United holding onto second spot, two behind Souths and three ahead of the Glory.

In Round 25, Newcastle 1 defeated Carlton 0. The Spirit at home lost 1-2 to Canberra in a dire result for the Spirit. However, they did recover quickly.

The Sharks continued the Knights misery with a 1-0 win. For the second time this season, Perth came to Sydney and flew home 4-3 winners. This time Marconi were on the losing end.

In a positive result for Sydney United's title aspirations, South Melbourne and Adelaide City drew 1-1. Wollongong accounted for Gippsland 3-0 in Gippsland.

While Sydney United found goal scorers all over the park with a 4-3 victory over Brisbane. Playing with the new striking combination of Burns and Townsend worked a treat.

United were ahead 2-0 courtesy of goals by Ardone and Barrett after nine minutes.

Memories of the Perth game must have flooded back to Mitchell and McKinna as Brisbane levelled to be 2-2 at the break.

After the break Burns and Berry brought the scores to 4-2 before Brisbane scored a consolation goal. Thrilling stuff.

In Round 26, the Spirit after losing to the bottom team the week before, defeated the top team 1-0. Doing United a huge favour as the team had to sit the weekend out due to the bye.

Brisbane 3 defeated Canberra 1. In another great result for United, Perth and Olympic drew 2-2. Carlton lost to Marconi 1-2. Wollongong 2 the Sharks 0. Adelaide City and Gippsland drew 0-0, while the Knights upset Newcastle 1-0.

On Wednesday the 31st of March, South Melbourne hosted Perth in a catch up game. Souths ran out 2-1 victors. That left the table with Souths on top with 51, Sydney United second on 48 and Perth third on 46.

In Round 27 action, Marconi's recovery and claims for a top six birth were given a boost with a 2-0 victory over the Knights. With the Sharks springing a big upset over City in the local derby, Marconi were in equal sixth position, giving the possibility of all four Sydney team playing in the semi-final series.

Gippsland scored an equaliser in the 72nd to cancel out Arnold's effort and made it 1-1.

Sydney Olympic came from behind twice to defeat the badly out of form Carlton 3-2. What has gone wrong with Carlton is the question on everyone's lips.

South Melbourne continued on their winning ways defeating Brisbane 3-0 and discarding the Strikers from the semi-final race.

Sydney United had a tough road trip to Canberra. With a string of recent good results, the Cosmos posed a threat to United's championship aspirations.

United lead 2-0 at half-time via two strikes by Nathan Day in the 6th and the 40th minutes.

Captain Kupresak scored United's third and Ante Moric the fourth against his old club in the 4-1 demolition.

Hence everything is in the balance. South Melbourne are on 54. United on 51 and Perth on 46. With South Melbourne having a bye in the last round, United's victory over Souths is of utmost importance.

The two most consistent teams in the competition, will it be the Grand Final dress rehearsal?

YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	25	18	6	1	87	15	60
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	24	18	2	4	80	24	56
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	23	15	5	3	70	16	50
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	24	15	5	4	55	25	50
NORTHERN SPIRIT	24	16	2	6	51	21	50
NSWIS	24	15	3	6	62	25	48
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	24	15	2	7	74	27	47
QAS	23	13	1	9	64	38	40
SYDNEY UNITED	24	8	4	12	42	42	28
MARCONI FAIRFIELD COLTS	23	6	4	13	25	42	22
ACTAS	24	4	3	17	30	69	15
NORTHERN SPIRIT COLTS	24	4	3	17	22	90	15
SYDNEY UNITED COLTS	24	4	1	19	26	77	13
SYDNEY OLYMPIC ACADEMY	24	3	4	17	21	92	13
WOLLONGONG WOLVES COLTS	24	1	3	20	15	120	6

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ERICSSON CUP TABLE

1998/99 TABLE (ROUND 27)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SOUTH MELBOURNE	26	16	6	4	49	25	54
SYDNEY UNITED	25	16	3	6	49	32	51
PERTH GLORY	25	14	4	7	54	32	46
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	25	12	6	7	43	31	42
NORTHERN SPIRIT	25	13	3	9	33	32	42
ADELAIDE CITY	25	11	6	8	37	25	39
MARCONI	25	12	3	10	46	45	39
BRISBANE	25	10	5	10	36	42	35
NEWCASTLE	24	9	6	9	26	29	33
CARLTON	26	9	4	13	45	43	31
WOLLONGONG	24	8	6	10	37	39	30
ADELAIDE SHARKS	25	7	6	12	33	39	27
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	25	6	5	14	27	38	23
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	25	5	7	13	15	42	22
CANBERRA COSMOS	26	4	2	20	21	54	14

TOP GOAL SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS
PABLO CARDOZO	Sydney Olympic	17
MILE STERJOVSKI	Sydney United	14
DAMIEN MORI	Adelaide City	13
BRAD MALONEY	Marconi	13
ALEX MORIERA	Carlton SC	12
VAUGHAN COVENY	South Melbourne	12
CON BOUTSIANIS	Perth Glory	11
MICHAEL CURCIJA	South Melbourne	10
PETER BULJAN	Canberra Cosmos	9
ARCHIE THOMPSON	Gippsland Falcons	9
JOHN MARKOVSKI	Perth Glory	9

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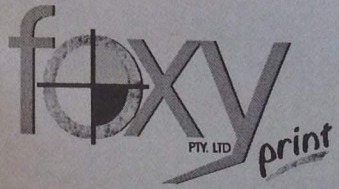

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1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98

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VELIMIR KUPRESAK (c)	4
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PETER BENNETT	28
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MIKE GIBSON	30

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united won: 13
drawn: 4
souths won: 9

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21 ELIAS DEMOURTZIDIS
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united v strikers
played: 17
united won: 9
drawn: 2
sharks won: 6

sharks are coached by Adrian Santrac

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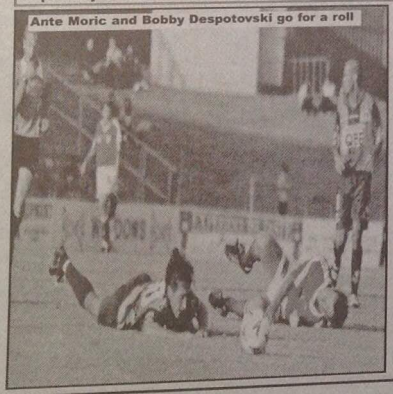
BLUE SOCKS
AWAY
ALL RED
HOME: HINDMARSH STADIUM
NSL SEASON: 19TH (1977-1986, 1989/90, 1991/92 TO NOW) NSL HONOURS:
CHAMPIONS 1978
FINALISTS 1978, 1992/93 AND 1995/96

E-MAILS ante@rivernet.com.au

I'd like to say a very big thankyou to all of the players from United and United's wonderful coach,David Mitchell,that were able to take the time to sign my jersey and team photo at the Sunday game against Brisbane.It was great to be able to meet you and it is nice to know that the players are there for us the fans and I commend all the players for that.It is great to see a team that interacts with their supporters and gives them the opportunity to say hi and get some autographs.
I would also like to say that David Mitchell should be considered for the role of Socceroo coach.I think he would do a great job and would be able to lift our Aussie team up and make them a strong team capable of reaching great feats.
Also I would like to add that it would be a shame to see the club dissapear after having been in existence for so many years now.Hopefully many others will realise this and help out the club by coming to the games and supporting them so it can survive for many generations to come so they too can see this great team and club in action.It would be such a shame to see it dissapear and I know that I would be really dissapointed to see it go.
Also it would be great to see the website completed,it is brilliant so far but to have the rest of the site updated would be awesome!
Natalie Briski.

Hi, my name is Emma and I am 13. I have become so attached to Sydney United over the past three years that I haven't missed a single home game since.
The reason that I am writing to you is that I have some ideas that you could carry out for fundraising for the club. Where did your flags with the Sydney United logo go? No offence, but some of the old ladies could knit scarves to sell. And the jerseys are a little too expensive. If it is possible to drop the price by a couple of bucks, I'm sure many people would buy them.
Also, the players could visit high schools (e.g. Merrylands High) and promote the club, giving out free tickets. If kids had the chance to come once, they'll get hooked and then they'll keep coming. Although I'm Croatian, I'm sure many Aussies and other nationalities would love to come.
From your greatest fan, Emma B

Thank you to everyone who has bought the Puma News this season, hopefully it will be back bigger and in colour next season. Thank you.


Ante Moric and Bobby Despotovski go for a roll

DON'T FORGET THAT THE SOCCER EXPO WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE 10th AND 12th OF JUNE, 1999 AT THE SITE OF THE OLYMPIC STADIUM IN HOMEBUSH.
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MILE & JOEL IN NIGERIA

MILE STERJOVSKI #11

HOW IS EVERYONE COPING WITH THE PRESSURE AS WE GET INTO THE WORLD CUP?

I think everyone's handling things well. Everyone knows what their job is and everyone's getting on with it. The routine of everything over here also eases the pressure - we train at set times, eat at set times, not too many distractions, with one focus. Initially the sessions took their toll and the bodies were sore for the first few days, but either the sessions are getting easier or we're getting to a new level of fitness, because things feel easier. We're playing a lot better too - there's a better understanding with eachother, how each other plays, although there's still a little bit to go there - but we're pretty close and we've got some good results.

DESCRIBE THE FEEL OF PULLING ON THE AUSTRALIAN GREEN & GOLD?

It's really special, you feel like you're number one in Australia - there are so many soccer players out there, and you're the only one that gets to put the jersey on. I remember watching the World Youth Cup when I was younger and hoping I'd be one of those guys - now I'm here, but you don't fully realise the enormity of it all until you actually do it.

WHO IS YOUR "TIP TO WATCH" IN THIS AUSTRALIAN SQUAD?

Brett Emerton. He has the experience of the last World Youth Cup behind him, he has the experience of being the Olyroo captain, and I think he's a great player who's quick and has a lot of skill.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR MILE STERJOVSKI?

Let's start with winning the World Cup, then move onto winning the Ericsson Cup with Sydney United. To tell the truth, much past that I haven't really thought about it - I'm just concentrating on the present.

JOEL GRIFFITHS # 16

YOUR FIRST TRAINING SESSION IN NIGERIA WAS TODAY - HOW WAS IT?

Hot. Actually, we had a 7.00am start so it wasn't too hot, and it's pretty overcast at the moment, so the conditions were pretty good, but it got quite

Sterjovski wins the race to the ball.

hot by the time we finished. It starts to really heat up from 9.00am so we're building our training sessions around the cooler parts of the day. Today we did a bit of running, stretches, kicked the ball around, felt the pitch. We're training next to the ground we're going to play on and the surface is about the same, it's not a bad pitch actually. The transport was interesting though - we go in vans which only take 6-7 people, and it's 20 minutes away from the hotel, with a full police escort.

DESCRIBE THE NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE FOR US?

It's very different . You just have to get used to a lot of things - eating different foods, not washing your face with water, not drinking the water , brushing your teeth and using only bottled water - we'll get used to it though so it's no real dilemma. The people are very friendly which is great, they're always smiling and waving at us. The other teams are expected today - Mexico and Saudi Arabia, and Ireland later - we're all staying in the same hotel which should be interesting.

WHO IS YOUR "TIP TO WATCH" IN THIS AUSTRALIAN SQUAD?

Brett Emerton. He's been there before, at the last World Youth Cup in Malaysia, he's very reliable and very cool under pressure. Oh, and he's my room mate and sitting right next to me!

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR JOEL GRIFFITHS?

I don't really look to the future - I'm just looking to our success at the World Cup at the moment, and giving that my best shot - we'll worry about the rest of it later.

In honour of 300 NSL games

DAVID BARRETT

PUMA PROFILE

NAME: David Barrett
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 21st February, 1967, Sydney Australia
OCCUPATION: Teacher
HEIGHT: 186cm
WEIGHT: 85kg
EYE COLOUR: Brown
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Nerida

PERSONALITY

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Michael Douglas
FAVOURITE COMEDIAN: Jerry Seinfeld
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Seinfeld
FAVOURITE NON ALCOHOLIC DRINK: Cordial / Water
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta
BEST EVER CONCERT: Hothouse Flowers
FAVOURITE BAND: Roxy Music (Brian Ferry)
FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Darling St Cafe, Balmain
FUNNIEST TEAM MATE: Lawrie McKinna
WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: '90 championship medal
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Own goal v Perth, '96
AS A CHILD, DID YOU PLAY ANY OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, sailing
DO YOU FOLLOW ANY OTHER SPORT & TEAM: Sydney Swans & Balmain

Congratulations David Barrett 300 NSL games

THE SPORT FILE

POSITIONS PLAYED: Right full-back
RIGHT OR LEFT FOOTED: Right
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney City (1 appearance), Sydney Olympic (258 apperances)
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Autralian under 17's national team
OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE & TRIALS: Aberdeen 1987
WHAT AGE DID YOU START PLAYING SOCCER: 4 1/2
NSL GOALS SCORED: 14
CAREER HIGHLIGHT: Under 17's World Cup-China, 1990 championships
AMBITION: To win another championships
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS TEAM: Liverpool FC
DREAM CHOICE OF WORLD LEAGUE: English

SCHEDULES

ROUND 28, 29, 30 & SEMIS SCHEDULES

GAMES, TIMES & VENUES OF THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON

ROUND 28 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1999, 7.30PM
Northern Spirit v Adelaide Sharks
Venue: North Sydney Oval
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1999, 7PM
Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland Falcons
Venue: Suncorp Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1999, 6.30PM
Carlton v Perth Glory
Venue: Olympic Park
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1999, 6.30PM
Wollongong v Marconi
Venue: Brandon Park
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1999, 3PM
Sydney United v South Melbourne
Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1999, 8PM
Adelaide City v Newcastle
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1999, 3PM
Melbourne Knights v Sydney Olympic
Venue: Knights Stadium
CANBERRA COSMOS - BYE

ROUND 29 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1999, 7.30PM
Newcastle Breakers v Northern Spirit
Venue: Breakers Stadium
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1999, 7.30PM
Marconi v Adelaide City
Venue: Marconi Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999, 6PM
South Melbourne v Canberra Cosmos
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999, 4PM
Adelaide Sharks v Brisbane Strikers
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999, 6PM
Gippsland Falcons v Sydney United
Venue: Falcons Park
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999, 6PM
Sydney Olympic v Wollongong Wolves
Venue: Belmore Sportsground
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1999, 4PM
Perth Glory v Melbourne Knights
Venue: Perth Oval
CARLTON - BYE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE TIMES & VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK LOCAL MEDIA FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE GAME

ROUND 30 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Wollongong v Perth Glory
Venue: Brandon Park
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Marconi v Northern Spirit
Venue: Marconi Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Brisbane v Newcastle
Venue: Suncorp Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Sydney United v Adelaide Sharks
Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Canberra Cosmos v Gippsland Falcons
Venue: Bruce Stadium
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999, 5PM
Melbourne Knights v Carlton
Venue: Knights Stadium
SOUTH MELBOURNE - BYE

SEMI-FINAL SCHEDULE

WEEKEND OF MAY 1-2
Elimination semi-finals first leg
3 v 6, 4 v 5
WEEKEND OF MAY 8-9
Elimination semi-finals second leg
3 v 6, 4 v 5
Grand Final qualifier semi-final first leg
1 v 2
WEEKEND OF MAY 15-16
Second stage elimination semi-final
Winner of 3 v 6 versus winner of 4 v 5
Grand Final qualifier semi-final second leg
1 v 2
WEEKEND OF MAY 22-23
Third Stage elimination semi-final, preliminary final
Winner of second stage semi versus loser of 1 v 2
WEEKEND OF MAY 29-30
GRAND FINAL
Winner of Grand Final qualifier
v
winner of preliminary final

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- JOHNNY WARREN, SUN HERALD SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 1998

THE REMAINING HOME MATCH 1998/99

SYDNEY UNITED

SYDNEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

v ADELAIDE SHARKS

ROUND 30, SUNDAY APRIL 25, 1999 5PM

SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

223 EDENSOR RD EDENSOR PARK

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ROUND DETAILS FOR ALL MATCHES:

ROUND 1
Sunday, October 11, 1998 3PM
SYDNEY UNITED v NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 1-1 CROWD: 6,221

ROUND 2
Saturday, October 17, 1997 7.30PM
MARCONI FAIRFIELD v SYDNEY UNITED
MARCONI STADIUM
SCORE: 0-2L CROWD: 8,752

ROUND 3
Sunday, October 25, 1998 3PM
SYDNEY UNITED v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 4-1W CROWD: 5,172

ROUND 4
Sunday, November 1, 1998 4PM
PERTH GLORY v SYDNEY UNITED
PERTH OVAL
SCORE: 1-3L CROWD: 16,738

ROUND 5
Sunday, November 8, 1998 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v CARLTON
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 2-1W CROWD: 3,116

ROUND 6
Sunday, November 15, 1998 3PM
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS v SYDNEY UNITED
KNIGHTS STADIUM
SCORE: 1-0W CROWD: 3,548

ROUND 7
Sunday, November 22, 1997 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v WOLLONGONG WOLVES
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 2-1W CROWD: 4,026

ROUND 8
Sunday, November 29, 1998 7PM
ADELAIDE CITY v SYDNEY UNITED
HINDMARSH STADIUM
SCORE: 2-3L CROWD: 2,300

ROUND 9
Sunday, December 6, 1998 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v NORTHERN SPIRIT
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 1-0W CROWD: 6,236

ROUND 10
Saturday, December 12, 1998 7PM
BRISBANE STRIKERS v SYDNEY UNITED
SUNCORP STADIUM
SCORE: 2-2 CROWD: 4,305

ROUND 12
Sunday, December 27, 1998 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v CANBERRA COSMOS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 2-0W CROWD: 3,268

ROUND 13
Sunday, January 3, 1999 6PM
SOUTH MELBOURNE v SYDNEY UNITED
LAKESIDE STADIUM
SCORE: 0-1L CROWD: 6,416

ROUND 14
Sunday, January 10, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v GIPPSLAND FALCONS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 4-0W CROWD: 2,635

ROUND 15
Sunday, January 17, 1999 7.30PM
ADELAIDE SHARKS v SYDNEY UNITED
HINDMARSH STADIUM
SCORE: 2-1W CROWD: 2,316

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NOTE: ROUNDS 11 & 26 ARE BYES FOR UNITED

ROUND 16
Friday, January 22, 1999 8PM
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS v SYDNEY UNITED
BREAKERS STADIUM
SCORE: 1-0W CROWD: 3,697

ROUND 17
Tuesday, January 26, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v MARCONI FAIRFIELD
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 3-2W CROWD: 6,498

ROUND 18
Friday, January 29, 1999 7.30PM
NORTHERN SPIRIT v SYDNEY UNITED
NORTH SYDNEY OVAL
SCORE: 2-1W CROWD: 17,024

ROUND 19
Sunday, February 7, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 1-1 CROWD: 4,018

ROUND 20
Sunday, February 14, 1999 6PM
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SYDNEY UNITED
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND
SCORE: 1-2L CROWD: 5,107

ROUND 21
Sunday, February 21, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v PERTH GLORY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 3-4L CROWD: 4,211

ROUND 22
Sunday, February 28, 1999 5PM
CARLTON v SYDNEY UNITED
OPTUS OVAL
SCORE: 3-1W CROWD: 3,144

ROUND 23
Sunday, March 7, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 2-1W CROWD: 2,118

ROUND 24
Sunday, March 14, 1999 6.30PM
WOLLONGONG WOLVES v SYDNEY UNITED
BRANDON PARK
SCORE: 1-0W CROWD: 3,528

ROUND 25
Sunday, March 21, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v BRISBANE STRIKERS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: 4-3W CROWD: 3,327

ROUND 27
Monday, April 5, 1999 7PM
CANBERRA COSMOS v SYDNEY UNITED
BRUCE STADIUM
SCORE: 4-1W CROWD: 2,111

ROUND 28
Sunday, April 11, 1999 5PM
SYDNEY UNITED v SOUTH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: CROWD:

ROUND 29
Sunday, April 18, 1999 6PM
GIPPSLAND FALCONS v SYDNEY UNITED
FALCONS PARK
SCORE: CROWD:

ROUND 30
Sunday, April 25, 1999 7PM
SYDNEY UNITED v ADELAIDE SHARKS
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
SCORE: CROWD:

QUIZ PAGE

ANTE'S TEASERS

1. How many times have Sydney United played South Melbourne in the semis?
2. Nick Orlic played at Sydney United. True / False?
3. Who has lead the competition for most of the season?
4. Have Sydney United played the Adelaide Sharks in the semis?
5. How many goals has Mile Sterjovski scored in the NSL?
6. Who has made the most number of appearances for Sydney United in 98/99?
7. Steve Berry came to United from which club?
8. How many Adelaide Sharks players have played for United?
9. The Socceroos have are playing who on June 12, 1999?
10. Did Ivan Gilligan Rendulic ever play for Sydney United?

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1. Who were the two goal scorers when Brisbane and United last met?
Walter Ardone, Peter Bennett
2. Who was the goal scorer when the Knights and United last met?
Joel Griffiths
3. Which NSL club did Joe Caleta play for before coming to Sydney United?
Melbourne Knights
4. Between Brisbane and United how many Olyroos are there?
Four
5. Who and by how much did Sydney United lose to in the 1996/97 Grand Final?
Brisbane, 0-2
6. Who is the backbone of United's media, organisation and Puma News?
Ante Grabovac (Barney's questions)
7. Which players scored their first NSL goal for 98/99, at the last home game?
Steve Berry, Joe Vrkic
8. Which Sydney United players are currently part of the young Socceroos?
Mile Sterjovski & Joel Griffiths
9. Who has won more NSL titles, United or Knights?
Knights
10. Puma News is the second best magazine in the league? **False. It is the best it was voted second by ABSW**

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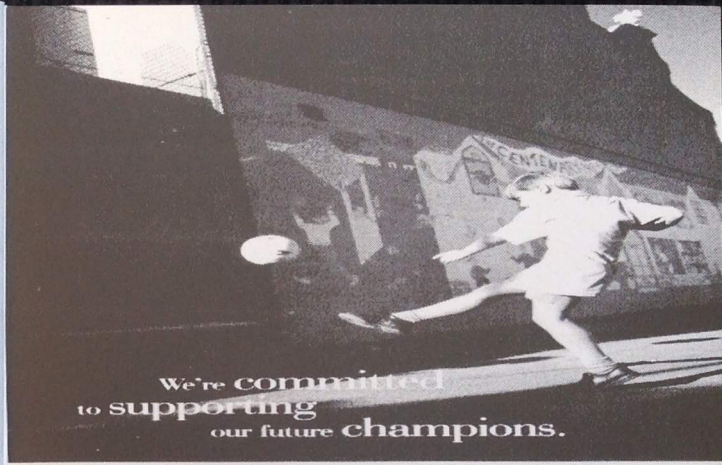

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